

**REMARKS**

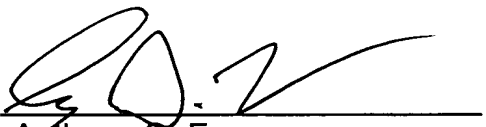
Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendments to the claims prior to a first examination of the Application on its merits.

Applicants believe that the appropriate fees are included herewith. However, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees or to credit any overpayments thereto.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If it would advance the prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (314) 726-7502.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: March 12, 2004

By:   
Anthony G. Fussner  
Reg. No. 47,582

HARNESS, DICKEY & PIERCE, P.L.C.  
P.O. Box 828  
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48303  
(248) 641-1600

MDE/AGF/dmkd